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## Council Seeks Artists for Touring Roster

Artists have until October 1, 2005, to apply for a spot in the South Dakota Arts Council's (SDAC) new *Touring Arts Roster*, according to Jim Hagen, Secretary of the Department of Tourism and State Development.

"As part of the state's 2010 Initiative, we are working hard to increase artists in the schools and in the communities. This Roster is an excellent tool to help us promote our many talented artists," Hagen said.

The Touring Arts program consists of a lineup of performing and visual artists whose performance/booking fees to nonprofit organizations may be underwritten through grants from the SDAC to the artist. The Roster includes artists in dance, literature, music, theatre, traditional arts, and visual arts. From jazz to puppetry, this selection offers a wide variety of entertainment and enlightenment.

Artists are chosen for the Touring Arts Roster on a competitive basis. Selected artists receive a two-year endorsement and a grant that becomes available July 1, 2006, and continues through June 30, 2008.

Application forms and guidelines are included in the *Guide to Grants* publication available from the SDAC office or on line at [www.artsCouncil.sd.gov](http://www.artsCouncil.sd.gov). Grant panels will review applications and select Roster members prior to December. All grants and endorsements are contingent upon funding levels from the State of South Dakota and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"This program helps grow local economics, since many of the Roster artists are South Dakotans; it showcases the state's talents as well," according to Dennis Holub, SDAC executive director.

For more information about the Touring Arts program or to receive a copy of the *Guide to Grants*, contact the South Dakota Arts Council at (605) 773-3131 or visit the SDAC web page and follow the links at [www.artsCouncil.sd.gov](http://www.artsCouncil.sd.gov).

**The South Dakota Arts Council is an office within the Department of Tourism and State Development. The Arts Council's mission is to provide grants and services to artists, arts organizations, and schools throughout the state. Major funding for the SDAC comes from the State of South Dakota and the National Endowment for the Arts.**